

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Periodic Reporting
(Proposal Five)

Docket No. RM2015-13

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 2

(Issued September 17, 2015)

To clarify Proposal Five, which concerns the development of attributable costs for the International Money Transfer Service (IMTS)—Outbound and Inbound products,¹ the Postal Service is requested to provide a written response to the following questions. Answers should be provided as soon as they are developed, but no later than September 25, 2015.

1. The following questions concern the IMTS—Inbound product and seek clarification of the total number of foreign-origin money orders cashed by the Postal Service. In its response to Chairman's Information Request No. 1, question 3, of the instant docket, the Postal Service filed the non-public Library Reference USPS-RM2015-13-NP1 filed under seal, which includes the Excel file, "ChIR.1.Q.3.IMTS."² Please refer to worksheet tab "13. FY 2014 Incoming TOTALS."
 - a. Please confirm that in Column F, the origin or source of the FY 2014 data used to develop the number of IMTS—Inbound transactions is the Federal Reserve Bank. If not confirmed, please identify the origin or source of the data used.

¹ Order No. 2599, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Analytical Principles used in Periodic Reporting (Proposal Five), July 20, 2015 (Notice).

² Responses of the United States Postal Service to Questions 1-3 of Chairman's Information Request No. 1, September 14, 2014, question 3.

- b. Please confirm that the amount shown in Column F, cell F139, is the total number of foreign-origin money orders cashed at Postal Service retail windows. If not confirmed, please explain. If confirmed, please explain how the Postal Service developed the total number of foreign-origin money orders cashed at Postal Service retail windows.
 - c. Under the assumption the amount shown in Column F, cell F139, is the total number of foreign-origin money orders cashed by the Postal Service, please confirm that 90.14 percent of that total consists of money orders from foreign postal operators that paid the Postal Service a commission for cashing such money orders. If not confirmed, please explain.
2. The following question seeks to clarify the number of IMTS—Inbound transactions used in the Postal Service’s proposed methodology to develop FY 2014 IMTS attributable costs. In its ACR Response for Item No. 4, the Postal Service identified and filed non-public Library Reference USPS-RM2015-13-NP1 filed under seal, which consists of the Excel file “Item.4.ACD. IMTS Response.”³ For the worksheet tab titled “Foreign Issued Money Orders,” in the column titled “Transactions,” please explain why the Postal Service used the total number of foreign-origin money orders cashed at Postal Service retail windows, rather than the number of money orders from foreign postal operators that paid the Postal Service a commission for cashing such money orders, as provided in the Postal Service’s Response to CHIR No. 1, question 7(d), January 16, 2015.⁴

By the Acting Chairman.

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³ See Docket No. ACR2014, Responses of the United States Postal Service to Commission Requests for Additional Information Regarding IMTS and EPG in the FY 2014 Annual Compliance Determination, June 30, 2015, at Item 4 (ACR Response).

⁴ See Docket No. ACR2014, Responses of the United States Postal Service to Questions 1-2, 3A-B, 3D, 4, 6, 7A-E, 8-9, and 11-21 of Chairman’s Information Request No 1, at Question 7(d), January 16, 2015.